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Sir:

Copies of the below listed documents are enclosed for consideration in the examination of the subject application.

**U.S. PATENTS:**

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Patentee(s)</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Examiner Initials</u>
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FOREIGN PATENTS:

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DE 35 34 130	KACO GmbH	April 2, 1987	AP

RELEVANCE OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE DOCUMENTS

1. DE 35 34 130 - Figures 3, 4 and Column 5, line 29 – Column 6, line 22 relevant to Claims 1-7, 9, 11 and 14.

The radial shaft seal has a sealing element which rests in sealing fashion on a running sleeve. It is connected to a rotating machine part for rotation in common and has an axial stop for a counterstop on the rotating machine part. The axial stop is fixed between the counterstop and an abutting part of the bearing.

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